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REF. YOUR LETTER OF 8 DECEMBER 1976.

1. ROBERT CAMPBELL AND HANS BOETRICH CALLED AT EMBASSY LAST WEEK. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WE PLAN GIVE THEM MISS BISSELL'S EFFECTS WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. AS REPORTED IN OUR TELEGRAM OF OCTOBER 18, POLICE UNITS IN AREA AROUND BANOS AND ARMY UNITS DOWNSTREAM WERE NOTIFIED TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MISS BISSELL. ALSO THE BANKS OF THE RIVER WERE SEARCHED. THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD BEEN CANVASSED INTENSIVELY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MISS BISSELL. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT REPORT THE POLICE TRIED, WITHOUT SUCCESS TO DATE, TO LOCATE THE YOUNG MAN WHO SHARED THE ROOMS ON MALDONADO STREET WITH MISS BISSELL. SINCE HE WAS A FOREIGNER HE MAY WELL HAVE LEFT ECUADOR BY THIS TIME.

3. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT MISS BISSELL WENT TO TULCAN. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BUS DRIVERS AND REPORTED IN THE POLICE REPORT DATES FROM THE TRIP TO QUITO FROM COCA ON OCTOBER ONE.

4. BANOS IS VERY SMALL AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY IS MOUNTAINOUS. THE TRAILS LEADING FROM TOWN ARE WELL FREQUENT-
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ED, BUT THERE ARE MANY PLACES THAT ARE RARELY VISITED,

PARTICULARLY AS YOU GET FURTHER FROM TOWN.

5. THERE ARE NO DAMS BELOW BANOS AND SOME SECTIONS OF THE
RIVER DOWNSTREAM ARE SPARSELY INHABITED.

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